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For	:	DNA REPLICATION PROTEINS OF GRAM POSITIVE BACTERIA AND THEIR USE TO SCREEN FOR CHEMICAL INHIBITORS	)	Art Unit: 1645

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

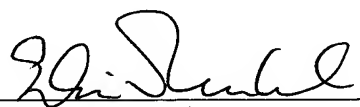
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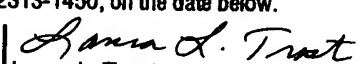
In response to the December 3, 2004, written restriction requirement, applicants hereby elect, with traverse, Group VIII (i.e. claims 1, 35-39, and 55-57) drawn to isolated *dnaN* gene. The elected subject matter encompasses DNA encoding the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID No: 28, including the DNA of SEQ ID No: 27. Applicants submit that the claims of the present application are closely related and, therefore, require common areas of search and consideration. Since no benefit is derived from imposing this restriction requirement, it should be withdrawn in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted,

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